

MARIETTA TOSSERS TACKLE NORMAL TEAM TONIGHT

PLUVIUS AND FROST WOULD CHECK CROWD

But There Will Be a Record Breaking Attendance at Contest.

James Jupiter Pluvius and John Jack Frost (perhaps you never heard these fellows' first names before, but really such prominent people must be well supplied with names) are working in cahoots to keep down record outpouring of basketball fans for the Marietta-Normal game at the Normal school this evening, which is scheduled to begin at eight o'clock of the clock. The way these two birds work things is just like this: John Jack Frost gets on duty about four or five in the afternoon after James Jupiter Pluvius has messaged things up all day with his sprinkling can, and the result is that in the morning there is a fine sheet of ice for pedestrians to scramble on like so many eggs. Very early in the morning James Jupiter gets back on the job and soon has a thin layer of water over the ice, so one can get a bath as well as a bump when one falls victim to the trap set by the two J.'s.

However, it is unlikely that the efforts of these two aforementioned gentlemen will greatly cut into the attendance at the game tonight, for the attraction is one of the most alluring of the entire season and a chance to see the Normal and Marietta in mortal combat will not be denied the average fan by any condition underfoot or overhead. So it is likely that the gymnasium will be packed to the guards when the referee blows his whistle for the opening of the game.

Those who come early to the game this evening to avoid the rush and confusion at the last minute will be entertained with a preliminary set between a team representing the East Side High school and the Farmington High school team. While this battle may not have all the thrills of the combat at eight o'clock, yet at the same time it will be very interesting.

The Traction company is making preparation to handle the crowds to-night. A basketball car will leave the barn at 7:15 and come down Fairmont avenue behind the regular city car and follow the city car out Locust avenue leaving Madison street at 7:30. These cars, together with the regular Edgemont car which goes out Locust avenue at 7:45 will give a good service before the game, and after the game special cars will be on hand to bring the crowd back.

In a speech the other night between the halves, Sandy Toothman praised the Marietta team to the blue sky and back again; but way down in his heart we know that Sandy has a sneaking notion his Normal bunch might take a fall out of the visitors, which would be a very fine way to celebrate the occasion, our humble estimation. It is possible that the new lineup for the Normal, which was mentioned in The West Virginian several days ago, will be seen in action tonight, Knight and Hamilton being at forwards, Boehm and Lough at guards and Shuman at center. While this is not absolutely certain, it is the general opinion that such a change will be in evidence when the game starts.

"Greasy" Neale, famed football and basketball player, member of the Cincinnati Reds, and champion of the world, is coaching Marietta, and of course will be among those present at the contest this evening. "Greasy" has many friends in this section who will be glad to see him again and he will likely be forced to hold an informal reception before and after the game.

Marietta has won all her games this season, scoring 135 points to her opponents' 78 in three games played. Marietta won from D. and E. 55-21, from Mukingum 45-37, from Otterboin 35-19. Don Whiting, their star forward, leads in scoring of his team with 77 points. Whiting holds the national collegiate record in number of points scored with 42 in 18 games in 1917. Reiter, the other forward in the Marietta team, is the find of the season. Stewart at center was last year to Marietta what Whiting always has been. Whiting was in the service last year and did not appear with his college on the basketball team. Reiter is a former all Ohio forward from Dayton, Ohio. Eaton and Hunter, two of Marietta's football stars, are playing the guard positions.

The Normal school has been handicapped all season by lack of a chance to work out on the new floor. The floor was not in shape to be used until the second game of the season and games, some of the hardest on the schedule, have been coming thick and fast, so that the Normal has been forced to get its practice in real games. The Normal has, however, won two games and lost two so far this season, scoring 116 points to the opponents' 111. The Normal has won from D. and E. 45-24, from Waynesburg 27-16 and lost to Wesleyan 30-22 and to the Keyser Collegians 41-26.

Just An Accident.

"Why, Johnny, you've got a lump on your head. Have you been fighting again?"

"Fighting? Not me. It was an accident."

"An accident?"

"Yes, I was sitting on top of Tommy Samsan, and I forgot to hold his feet."—Dallas News.

With a French inventor's camera lens for long distance work it is possible to get a picture of a man 600 yards away large enough to fill a plate.

Sport Chat

Local baseball fans will deeply regret the sad tidings that Leon Kreuzberger, one of the star players on the B. & O. team in the city league last season, and who played football with some of the leading independent teams in this section, is dead, having passed away at Cook hospital early this morning following an operation performed yesterday for stomach trouble. Kreuzberger was one of the most popular fellows in the city league, always jolly and getting a great amount of fun out of all the games in which he participated. His sportsmanlike manners on the field won for him the admiration of those who attended the games last summer at South Side park.

According to a letter sent out by Athletic Director Bohler, of the Y. M. C. A., to the managers of the various teams in the city basketball league, there will be an important meeting of the managers held next Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. In the same letter all managers are requested to turn in a list of eligible players at the earliest possible moment, and that all protests about players hereafter should be turned into the Y. M. C. A. in writing.

Rodgers is getting in need of exercise at the W. V. U., so he has come out for the basketball team. Gosh, here is where some regular on the team now gets a job as substitute.

There is no objection to taking a sled with you to the game tonight at the Normal, and what a grand place to sled right after the game down the S shaped roadway around the Normal grounds.

Well, well, we must look over this Marietta star, Don Whiting. Sandy Toothman says he is the best basketball player in the whole ding-busted world. Sandy is taking in a lot of territory in such a statement, but it may be so.

Morgantown High will tackle the local high team tomorrow evening at the Normal gymnasium. This promises to be a very interesting game. The lads down the river have a fast team this year.

Saturday night Shepherd college will be here and the local high team will play at Fairview. Both contests should be exciting. Several local fans are going to make the trip to Fairview for the game there.

Rivesville High will play Smithfield tomorrow night and Wallace Saturday night. Both games will be played away from home. The Rivesville team is showing fine form this year and expects to win the great majority of the games played.

Princetonians are hopeful that the West Virginia football team of 1920 will not be quite so formidable as the one of 1919, which simply walloped the everlasting time out of the Tiger. Writing in the Princeton Alumni Weekly, Donald Grant has the following comment to make in regard to the schedule of the Tigers and the West Virginia game:

"The following week the Navy comes to the Palmer Stadium, under a two-year agreement whereby Princeton makes the journey to Annapolis in 1921. On October 30 West Virginia will play at Princeton. It is doubtful whether the Mountaineers will be so strong next season as they were this year. And I can't exactly say that I should like to see them on a par with their great eleven of 1919. At the same time West Virginia will doubtless be good enough to make any team know that they are playing football. November 7 Princeton goes to Cambridge and November 14 Yale comes to the Stadium. All in all a very good schedule, with one exception."

The following sad story out of Morgantown concerns an unfortunate happening in the game between Buckhannon high and the Morgantown lads last week, and which may result in the game being thrown out of the records or played over. The Morgantown people, however, show a good spirit in hastening to correct an error.

"Local high school basketball enthusiasts were much dismayed by the announcement that in the game here Saturday night, 'Wink' Simmons, who played forward for the local tossers, was ineligible under the high school's eligibility code, on account of scholastic difficulties, and that, therefore, whether the game stands as a victory, a defeat, or as not played at all, will be a matter for the Buckhannon High authorities to decide."

"Simmons was clearly ineligible, according to the high school officials, and the fact that he was allowed to play was due to a misunderstanding and circumstances for which no one is culpable. Simmons, it is said, believed himself to be eligible."

"Subsequent investigation has shown, however, that Simmons should not have been allowed to play, his work in two studies not having been made up. Buckhannon High will be notified of the error on the part of local authorities and if they desire, the game will be eliminated from the records entirely, or played over."

We are informed that Carpenter won't fight for less than \$200,000. All right, we won't fight for less than \$500,000. We win the fight in one round by \$300,000. Six o'clock, Oscar, time to get up.

Fred Church, the Harvard back, who contributed so largely to the Crimson's victory over Oregon in the post-season game on the coast has been awarded his letter by the Harvard Athletic Commission. Church did not take part in the Yale game, and this is usually the only way a Crimson player can win his letter but the Harvard authorities evidently valued the post-season game highly enough to reward Church for his help in bringing the first inter-sectional clash to the east.

CONNIE MACK IS TRYING TO MAKE NEW FLAG TEAM

Hopes to Pick Off Another Pennant With Youngsters.

By FRED TURBYVILLE.

Connie Mack has 37 athletes ready for shipment to Lake Charles, La., where the serious-faced leader of the one-time famous Athletics will attempt to work something into shape resembling a big league ball team. Of the 37 athletes there are 13 city-broke. The rest of 'em are bushers, but good looking bushers, Connie would have you know. He and his scout, Tommy Turner, picked them fresh from the bushes while the picking was good late last summer. From this large and varied collection of young men Connie hopes to get within waving distance of the American league flag. He would love to hear it whipping in the breeze again, but he isn't foolish enough to predict a pennant winner for 1920.

Connie hasn't had much luck since he converted well-known stars into cash in the hand some few years ago after pennant winning had become sort of a monotony with him and a half-hearted cheering matter with the fans of Philadelphia.

But from the top of the heap to the bottom was a long slide and after the fans had recovered their breath they began to supplant their cheers with jeers and they made themselves conspicuous by their absence at the ball park.

So last summer Connie decided he'd have to get himself another ball team. He bought the whole shootin' match at Atlanta, and Atlanta was some pumped up in the Southern Association and the final standing of the 1919 race will show. Connie took what he wanted and then picked up a few more here and there.

Harry Davis will help him out again next season, and then there is Danny Murphy, engaged to coach the youngsters. It looks like a busy spring for Davis and Murphy.

He has four veteran pitchers—Kinney, Naylor, J. J. Johnson, hold-over; Perry; Ralph Perkins, hold-over; catcher; Dick Burrus, first baseman; Dugan, short; Whitey Witt, second; Fred homas, third; George Burns, Amos Strunk and Clarence Walker. The rest of them are new—very new.

There are ten new pitchers: George Gibson, Canadian league; Bryan Harris, of Houston; Charles Eckert, of Suffolk; William Pearson, of Atlantic City; Bob Hasty, of Atlanta; Pat Martin, of Birmingham; Dave Keefe, of Reading; Ed Rommel, of Newark; Lyle Bingle, of Seattle, and Roy Moore of Waco.

Bill Stiles, of Atlanta, Glenn Myatt, of Houston, and John Walker, of the Western league, are new catchers. J. Griffin, of Atlanta, is a new first baseman.

Jimmy Dykes, of the same team, is a new second baseman. While Chick Galloway, another Cracker, will try at short.

Art Ewolt, of the Western league, and Frank Brizal, of Brooklyn, will try for third.

Outfield candidates are Bob McCann, of Suffolk; Bob Allen, from the Eastern league; Charles High from the Three-I; Fred Welch, Virginia league, and Red Wingo from the South Atlantic.

RIVESVILLE TOO FAST FOR SALEM

Visitors Never Had Much Chance Against Rivesville Team.

Rivesville High is rapidly climbing the ladder of basketball success jumping another rung or two last night by knocking off the Salem High tossers without any great difficulty, the final count of the ballots showing that Rivesville had won the election 32-22. The game was well played and interesting from start to finish and greatly enjoyed by the spectators. Score:

Rivesville—32 Salem—22

Teter Graham
Jackson Casey
Spencer Forwards
Straight Yeater
Bowman Center
Randolph Traugh
Guards

Field Goals: Spencer 8; Jackson 7; Casey 4; Graham 4; Yeater 1; Pouls: Teter 2 in 6. Free Throws: 4 in 4. Substitutions: Lynch for Yeater; Sigley for Traugh.

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Three and Two

Rogers Hornsby, famous infielder and slugger of the Cardinals, is spending the winter at his mother's home at Fort Worth, Texas, his chief aim in this off-season being to add about 15 pounds of weight.

"I would be mighty tickled if I could report 15 pounds heavier than I was at the close of the 1919 season," Rogers writes. "If I can take on this poundage the old bat will feel like a toothpick next season and that means a lot more hits than I got in 1919."

And while Rogers is fattening up, he is looking after his mother's oil interests about Fort Worth. She owns several hundred acres of promising land in the heart of the big oil field and it may be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars ere long.

Hornsby seldom hits in the spring. Since his entrance into the big show, he has always come with a rush at the windup. The season of 1919 was no exception, as he hit close to an average of .450 during the last six weeks of the campaign.

"If I could start training about New Year's Day, I would be in tip-top form when the season opened in April," commented Hornsby. "For some unknown reason I hit like a bush leaguer in the spring, but have always been fortunate in getting a lot of blows after the halfway mark has been reached."

There is nothing of a piker about the Akron club of the International League. Not content with signing up Dick Hoblitzel, Del Gainer and Jim Thorpe, the rubber city has announced its athletes will train at Hot Springs with the Pirates and the Red Sox.

The lull in baseball has almost ended. In six weeks the teams will be headed for the southern training camps and there yet remains much important constructive legislation to be considered.

Secretary O'Brien has announced some of the spring training plans of the Giants. Manager Huggins will return in a day or two with tales of the capture of "Babe" Ruth. Colonel Huston is coming back from Dover Hall to reopen the legal campaign against Ben Johnson. Charles Stoneham and John J. McGraw return from Cuba in about two weeks. Disgruntled players are squawking for more salary and must be appeased. A special American League meeting is to be held in Chicago next month preceding the joint session there. Before that meeting the various law suits in the American takes place there may be action in League.

It surely looks as if baseball is due for a lively month preceding the assembling of the big league teams.

BOWLERS WILL FORM A LEAGUE

Much Interest is Shown in Bowling in This District.

That there is much interest among the industrial and professional people of the city in a duckpin league was evidenced last night when in response to a call issued by Industrial Secretary Bird of the Y. M. C. A. many representatives from various industries about the city gathered at the Y. M. C. A. to talk things over.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Cole, Garrett and Kendall to organize the league, draw up rules and regulations and prepare a schedule. They will make their report with in the next few days. Victor Bird will be president of the league.

The following teams are sure to be in the league: Owens, Bottle, Monongah Glass, Mid-West, Mining Machine, Willets Clay, Dentists, Wall Plaster Co., and Hutchinson Coal Co. Another concern, Hartley's wants a team in the league, and Mr. Bird stated that if three more teams could be lined up two six team leagues would be operated.

Five teams are also available for a ten pin league, and this league will be under way, it is understood, only one more team being needed to start a league.

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Samuel Braedon Has Great Experience in Baseball World.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 21—From a soap-box seat peering through a knot hole in the Polo grounds fence watching the Giants in action on the inside to the presidency of the St. Louis Cardinals is the leap in the life of Samuel Braedon. Once a knot-hole kid himself and now head of the club which has plugged the knotholes in the fence and permits youngsters to sit inside with the paid customers is the strange turn of the Cardinals' new executive.

Samuel Braedon, while not an experienced baseball magnate knows a thing or two about the game—about the playing end at least, for in his younger days he was a semi-pro tosser, a basketball shooter and a grinder of note.

Braedon is not a Missourian—not a home-bred product. On the other hand he is one of the few New Yorkers who played Horace Greely's tip and hit the Western trail. He was born on Manhattan Island in 1880, which makes him stepping into his fortieth year.

He arrived in St. Louis in 1902, and to use his own words, "penniless." He was a bank clerk in the Seaman Bank in New York when he quit his athletic career but the glangling of gold and silver was not attractive to him. He saw depositors throw in large sums, but he could not see where he would ever branch out in the business world on a clerk's salary.

St. Louis was producing a world's fair and the field should be fertile out there—so Samuel Braedon arrived in St. Louis. The automobile field was in its infancy. He saw a bright future, but the game was new. There was only one way for him to master it—right from the bottom, so he tackled the extreme bottom as a machinist in an auto repair shop.

The weekly salary was saved, dollar after dollar was saved, a snug sum was accumulated and finally he branched out as a repair magnate, later a garage owner, then a pool player and finally the president of the Western Automobile Company of St. Louis distributor for the Pierce-Arrow car.

In 1915 Samuel Braedon became a millionaire and as he started out without a dime he is entitled to be known as one of the self-made style.

Braedon always was a baseball fan, but he did not become interested as a magnate until the Cardinals were purchased from the Britton interest in January, 1917. When the deal was arranged local capitalists were invited to purchase—not in large sums, but in small blocks, as it was the desire to have the National league club owned by stockholders.

Braedon dabbed in small bits like hundreds and hundreds. With the club drifting down in the second division in 1918 and 1919, though many of the investors developed cold feet, and they offered their stock for sale at a financial sacrifice. Braedon was one of the few to plunge during the last two years and today probably is the leading stockholder.

The chief duties for the new president of the Cardinals will be to lift it out of the financial holes it has been in almost since the day Frank de Hass Robinson died. The club has been unable to bid for minor league stars owing to the lack of funds, but now, according to Braedon, the Cardinals will rub elbows with the other brokers and auctioneers.

MADE TO MEASURE.

Mrs. Newrich — Don't you think, William, now that we are getting into society, that we should have a coat-of-arms?

Newrich—Certainly, my dear. I'll see my tailor about it tomorrow.—Boston Transcript.

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For Operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Marville and son, Robert, will leave this evening for Baltimore, where Mrs. Marville will undergo a second surgical operation for a continued illness at a Baltimore hospital. The son will also be operated upon for adenoids.

Word of Father's Death.

Mrs. George A. Cochran is in receipt of a telegram to the effect that her father, a prominent citizen and Civil war veteran, had died last Sunday at his home in Redonda Beach, California, and was buried with military honors. Mrs. Cochran, on account of the great distance, was unable to attend the funeral.

Sister !!!

Mrs. O. M. Green left yesterday for Wheeling where she was called by the illness of her sister.

Sewing Party.

Mrs. C. Walter Prichard entertained a few friends at a sewing party at her home in Furbee avenue yesterday afternoon.

Gives Up Position.

Earl Huey has returned to the home of his parents in Grandview addition after giving up a position he had held in Akron, Ohio, for the past few months.

Registrars Appointed.

At the regular meeting of city council on Monday evening the following registrars were appointed to register the voters for the coming municipal election to be held on Monday, March 8th, 1920: First ward, Walter Prichard and Davis Fernhart; Second ward, H. J. Anderson and Glenn Snodgrass; Third ward, C. H. Phillips and John Robinson; Fourth ward, H. F. Barbe and J. W. Wilson; Fifth ward, William Stewart and Jesse Parrish. A building permit was granted for the erection of a frame building at the corner of Locust street and Furbee avenue to be used as a tabernacle for a series of union religious meetings to begin on February 6th.

Position in Cleveland.

Miss Allice Jenks left yesterday for Cleveland, Ohio, where she has accepted a position as traveling saleswoman for a Cleveland firm.

Personals.

Woods P. Rymer left yesterday for a business visit in New Martinsville. Mr. and Mrs. J. Berry Lazear have returned from a visit with relatives at Sistersville.

Miss Greola Moorhead has returned from a two weeks' visit at the home of her uncle in Salem.

Mrs. Mary Harman has returned to her home in Erie, Pa., after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. T. W. Hanley, of Clarksburg street.

C. Howard Long has returned from a business visit in Pittsburgh. John Conaway, of Farmington, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

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Varsity Team to Have Hard Battle

Marietta Big Favorite in Floor Game Tomorrow.

MORGANTOWN, Jan. 23—West Virginia will be fighting with her back to the wall tomorrow night on the "ark" floor here to stave off the attacks of "Greasy" Neale's all star team from Marietta College. Today the Mountaineers went thru their final practice with Hawkins and Outright at forwards; Kiger at center and Captain Morrison and Dawson at forwards, this being the same quintet which so successfully represented the Old Gold and Blue on the recent trip.

Marietta's lineup received here today shows Whiting and Reiter at forwards; Stewart at center and Captain Smith and Sention at guards. All of the Buckeye players are veterans and Whiting and Stewart are the big stars of the aggregation and will be closely watched by the Mountaineer guards.

Tomorrow at 1:30 there will be an advance sale of reserved seats, about 300 pasteboards being placed on sale at that hour. There are nearly fifteen hundred student athletic tickets outstanding and these must be provided for, so that three hundred is the maximum number of outside spectators that can be taken care of. There is unusual interest in the contest and every available inch of space at the "ark" will be utilized according to the present prospects.

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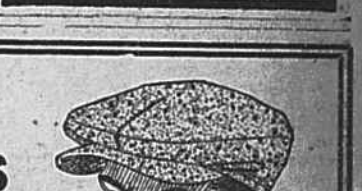
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